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1. We are the co-inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the present patent application.
2. A journal article entitled "pCal, a Highly Unusual Ty1/*copia* Retrotransposon from the Pathogenic yeast *Candida albicans*," Journal of Bacteriology, Nov. 1997, Vol. 179, No. 22, Pg. 7118-28 (hereinafter "Matthews et al."), names five authors: Genevieve D. Matthews, Timothy J. D. Goodwin, Margaret I. Butler, Thomas A. Berryman and Russell T. M. Poulter. I, Russell T. M. Poulter, am a co-author of Matthews et al. The authors of Matthews et al. are not "others" as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as to the inventive entity of this application (Poulter, Luyten, DeBacker and Nelissen). Walter H. M. L. Luyten, Marianne D. DeBacker and Bart J. M. Nelissen are not named as authors on Matthews et al. for reasons which do not involve their status as co-inventors on the present application.

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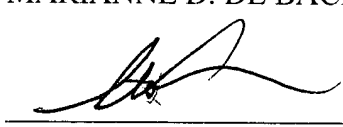


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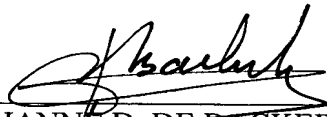
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